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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated February 22, 2005, in which the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement to election of invention for the above-referenced application, Applicant elects to prosecute the invention as in Group I, Claims 1-12, 48-52, and 55-56 drawn to a method, without traverse.

Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

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